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N A P A V A L L E Y

OVID [PUBLIUS OVID NASO] WAS A ROMAN POET who lived from 43 BC–17 AD. *His most famous work, Metamorphoses, is A poetic narrative of the GREEK MYTHS, CELEBRATING the themes of TRANSFORMATION and CHANGE.*

Each year, from small lots of fruit grown in the RED ROCKY SOIL of our vineyard on PRITCHARD HILL, we choose just the BEST BARRELS and BLEND them together to create the NEW VINTAGE of OVID NAPA VALLET. THE VINEYARD'S evolution fascinates us—with each succeeding VINTAGE, NEW DIMENSIONS of the wines are REVEALED. OVID is a BLEND of the four Bordeaux VARIETALS grown here: CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC, Merlot & Petit Verdot, varying in PROPORTION from year to year BUT always eloquently conveying this SPECIAL PLACE.

FOR OUR LABEL, we chose a *quotation* from *OVID'S Metamorphoses* that EXPRESSES what we hope to *achieve* WITH OUR WINE.

PARTIMQUE FIGURAS RETTULIT
ANTIQUAS, PARTIM NOVA
MONSTRA CREAVIT.

*Partly we recovered the OLDE, FAMILIAR
things, partly we created something
WONDEROUS and NEW.*

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2008

TASTING NOTES

AMOR ET MODICUM CIRCA MEA TEMPORA VINUM MECUM EST...

It is LOVE, and a little WINE, that is buzzing 'round my brow...

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EXPANSIVE, generous, *PLUSH* - these are *words* descriptive of both the 2008 OVID *NAPA VALLET* WINE and GROWING SEASON. *The grapes* ripened slowly THROUGH the warm SUMMER *months*, GENTLY LEADING TO *AN* *unhurried*, BLOCK BY BLOCK *HARVEST* in September AND *October*.

The 2008 OVID *NAPA VALLET* is imbued with the SENSE of *accumulation* and ABUNDANCE characteristic of THE VINTAGE.

DEEP, *rich layers* of RED FRUIT, Cloves, *blueberry*, sage and GINGER abound, *intensely expressed*. *YET* the wine RETAINS the *pleasing* BALANCE that has ALWAYS BEEN *at the HEART* OF OUR winemaking. *Its* steady STRUCTURE, *combined with* SMOOTHLY *POLISHED TANNINS*, MAKE FOR a wine that IS BOTH *immediately appealing* and ONE THAT will reward *cellaring* for 15-20 YEARS.



ANDY ERICKSON & AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemakers*

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